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Preface to the 14th Edition

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, Annotated for Statistical Reporting Purposes (HTS 2002) is being published pursuant to section 1207 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-418; 19 U.S.C. 3007)¹, embracing the legal text of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule, as amended and modified, together with statistical annotations formulated pursuant to section 484(f) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1484(f)).²

The legal text of the HTS consists of the General Rules of Interpretation; the Additional U.S. Rules of Interpretation; the General Notes; Sections I through XXII, inclusive (encompassing chapters 1 - 99, and including all Section and Chapter notes, heading/subheading numbers through the 8-digit level, article descriptions and tariff and other treatment accorded thereto); the Chemical Appendix; the Pharmaceutical Appendix; and the Intermediate Chemicals for Dyes Appendix. The statistical annotations, notes, annexes, suffixes, units of quantity and

¹Section 1207(a) of the Act provides that "[t]he Commission shall compile and publish, at appropriate intervals, and keep up to date the Harmonized Tariff Schedule and related information in the form of printed copy....". Section 1207(b) of the Act provides that the published copy of the HTS "shall contain--(1) the then current Harmonized Tariff Schedule; (2) statistical annotations and related statistical information formulated under section 484(f) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1484(f)); and (3) such other matters as the Commission considers to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes enumerated in the Preamble to the Harmonized System convention." The first edition consisted of the original publication and four supplements. The second edition consisted of the original publication and two supplements. The third edition consisted of the original publication and one supplement. The fourth edition consisted of the original and one supplement. The fifth edition consisted of the original and one supplement. The sixth edition consisted of the original and two supplements. The seventh edition consisted of the original and one supplement. The eighth edition consisted of the original and one supplement. The ninth edition consisted of the original and one supplement. The tenth edition consisted of the original and one supplement. The eleventh edition consisted of the original and one supplement. The twelfth edition consisted of the original and one supplement. The thirteenth edition consisted of the original and one supplement. Electronic revisions now update printed publications.

²Sec. 484(f) reads as follows:

"(f) Statistical Enumeration.--The Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, and the United States International Trade Commission are authorized and directed to establish from time to time for statistical purposes an enumeration of articles in such detail as in their judgment may be necessary, comprehending all merchandise imported into the United States and exported from the United States, and shall seek, in conjunction with statistical programs for domestic production and programs for achieving international harmonization of trade statistics, to establish the comparability thereof with such enumeration of articles. All import entries and export declarations shall include or have attached thereto an accurate statement specifying, in terms of such detailed enumeration, the kinds and quantities of all merchandise imported and exported and the value of the total quantity of each kind of article."

other matters formulated under section 484(f) of the Tariff Act of 1930 comprise the statistical parts of the HTS. Such elements as the Table of Contents, footnotes, Schedule C and Schedule D, and published index are inserted for ease of reference only.

THIS EDITION, WHICH CONTAINS CHANGES ISSUED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 26, 2001, ENCOMPASSES ALL MATERIAL IN THE INTERIM SCHEDULE POSTED ON THE COMMISSION'S INTERNET SITE AND MODIFICATIONS MADE IN PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 7515.

The principal changes in this edition reflect (1) Presidential Proclamation 7515 (To Modify the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, To Rectify the Rules of Origin for the NAFTA and for Other Purposes, anticipated to be effective January 1 and 10, 2002); (2) Presidential Proclamation 7512 (To Implement the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area, the stage of duty reductions that becomes effective January 1, 2002); (3) Presidential Proclamation 7505 of November 21, 2001 (To Modify the Tariff-Rate Quotas Applicable to Imports of Steel Wire Rod, effective November 24, 2001); (4) Presidential Proclamation 7502 of November 14, 2001 (To Provide for the Termination of Actions Taken With Regard to Imports of Lamb Meat, effective November 14, 2001); (5) Presidential Proclamation 7449 of June 8, 2001 (To Implement the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Trade Relations, effective December 10, 2001); (6) the stage of duty reductions that becomes effective January 1, 2002, pursuant to concessions granted by the United States to Mexico under the North American Free Trade Agreement (Pres. Proc. 6641); (7) the stage of duty reductions that becomes effective January 1, 2002, pursuant to concessions granted by the United States under the Uruguay Round Of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (Pres. Proc. 6763); (8) the stage of duty reductions that becomes effective January 1, 2002, pursuant to previous concessions granted by the United States that were affected by modifications to the Harmonized System (Pres. Proc. 6857); (9) the stage of duty reductions that becomes effective January 1, 2002, pursuant to concessions granted by the United States under the World Trade Organization Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products and the Agreement on Distilled Spirits (Pres. Proc. 7011); (10) the stage of duty reductions that becomes effective January 1, 2002, (Pres. Proc. 7107 - To Amend the Duty-Free Treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences); (11) the stage of duty reductions that becomes effective January 1, 2002, (Pres. Proc. 7351 - To Implement the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act); (12) Pres. Proc. 7388 (To Modify Duty-Free Treatment Under the Generalized System of Preferences For Sub-Saharan African Countries and for Other Purposes), duty changes effective January 1, 2002; (13) Pres. Proc. 7400 of January 17, 2001 (To Designate Swaziland as a beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Country and for Other purposes), duty changes effective January 1, 2002; (14) Pres. Proc. 7468 of September 19, 2001 (To Modify Duty-Free Treatment Under the System of Generalized System of Preferences, effective September 19, 2001); (15) Office of the United States Trade Representative Notice of August 8, 2001: Determinations Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act: Swaziland is eligible for AGOA benefits, effective July 26, 2001; (16) Office of the United States Trade Representative Notice of August 8, 2001, Determinations Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act: Ethiopia is eligible for AGOA benefits, effective August 2, 2001; (17) Office of the United States Trade Representative Notice of August 10, 2001, Determination of Action to Suspend GSP Benefits Under section 301(b) certain products of Ukraine; effective August 24, 2001; (18) Office of United States Trade Representative Notice of August 22, 2001: Determinations Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act: Malawi is eligible for AGOA benefits, effective August 15, 2001; (19) Office of

United States Trade Representative Notice of August 22, 2001: Determinations Relating to the Generalized System of Preferences, certain products of India are eligible for GSP treatment, effective August 22, 2001; (20) Office of the United States Trade Representative Notice of August 31, 2001: Determinations Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act: Botswana is eligible for AGOA benefits, effective August 27, 2001; (21) Office of United States Trade Representative Notice of November 2, 2001, Determinations Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act: Uganda is eligible for AGOA benefits, effective October 23, 2001; (22) Office of United States Trade Representative Notice of December 10, 2001, Determinations Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act: Namibia is eligible for AGOA benefits, effective December 3, 2001; (23) Office of the United States Trade Representative Notice of December 17, 2001, Determination of Effective Date of U.S.-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement, effective December 10, 2001; (24) Office of United States Trade Representative Notice of December 20, 2001, Determinations Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act: Zambia is eligible for AGOA benefits, effective December 3, 2001; (25) Letter from the United States Trade Representative of September 10, 2001, concerning interpretation of Presidential Proclamation 7314 of May 26, 2000; (26) changes approved by the Committee for Statistical Annotation of Tariff Schedules (formulated pursuant to section 484(f), Tariff Act of 1930, as amended), effective January 1, 2002; (27) Bureau of the Census changes in Schedule C (Classification of Country & Territory Designations for U.S. Import Statistics) and in Schedule D (Customs District and Port Codes).

The statistical annotations contained in the HTS prescribe the statistical information to be supplied on customs entry and withdrawal forms or electronic filings with respect to articles imported into the customs territory of the United States. Thus, this publication is designed to enable importers, customs brokers, customs officers and other interested persons to determine (1) the classification of and rates of duty applicable to imported articles and (2) the requirements for reporting statistical data with respect to such imports. Except as specified in the Notice to Exporters, this publication may also be used in place of the reporting codes of Schedule B for reporting exports on the Shipper's Export Declaration or under the program for electronic reporting of exports.

Requests from interested parties for changes in any of the requirements for statistical reporting should be submitted no later than April 1, for changes to be effective July 1, and August 1, for changes to be effective January 1. These requests should be submitted to:

The Chairman
Committee for Statistical Annotation
of Tariff Schedules
United States International Trade Commission
Washington, D.C. 20436

Such requests should indicate precisely the nature of each desired change and give detailed reasons in support of the requests. In addition, the requestor should provide the names of importers and foreign manufacturers and indicate the countries from which the commodities are being imported.